



WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – Mon 8th – Saturday 13th February 2021

Next week is the National Apprenticeship Week, where I hope to share some exciting Apprenticeship Information for students to experience even from the comfort of their own home. Some events may be age specific so please bear this in mind. Mostly it is for Year 11+ students and parents so they are fully aware of Apprenticeships, what they offer and how students can progress, however all pupils need to be aware of this option so they can make informed choices in their future Career Transition.

Please don't forget to access the Careers Tab on the school's website (http://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life_at_school/careers.aspx) as there is information for Students & Parents with useful links to Careers:-

For All Years

GUESS the EMPLOYER QUIZ - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/employer-quiz/> This Amazing Quiz produced by ASK Amazing Apprenticeships would be a real opportunity to open up the Apprenticeship idea to all students and gives a flavour/introduction to what Employers offer Apprenticeships and how you can progress. It doesn't take long but will perhaps encourage curiosity & interest for students to work hard and aspire to apply & achieve these opportunities from the Larger Employers.

See if you get 15/15! <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/employer-quiz/>

Year 11

Apprenticeship Assembly – Wednesday 10th February 12.30pm An outside speaker from ASK Amazing Apprenticeships will be delivering a presentation on Apprenticeships next Wednesday lunchtime. This should take approximately 15 minutes and your attendance is expected so you can get all the relevant information about Apprenticeships and encourage interested students to start their research and make applications. This assembly will be after the Achievement Assembly at 12noon but students will receive a separate invite as there will be a break in between.

Years 11 & 10

Warwickshire College Apprenticeships Team have been planning some activities for Yr 11 & 10 students to take next week during National Apprenticeship Week. This will help show students what apprenticeships are and how beneficial they can be in the next step of education

Students can complete the first and second activity which could take up to an hour at a time which suits them. The third is being held outside of school hours (5pm-6pm, Mon-Thurs 8th-11th Feb), where students/parents can attend & watch and include live chats industry specific, including Engineering, Business & Professional, Land-Based Industries and Motor Vehicle & Construction.

The activities include:

1) Introduction to an Apprenticeship video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjvFxTBYpOE&feature=youtu.be>

2) Apprenticeship Quiz - <https://forms.gle/a9qF8shJxiz4PV4t7>

3) 'How to become an Apprentice' Webinars (the link to sign up to these are given below)

- <https://wcg.ac.uk/page/1520/national-apprenticeship-week-2021>

Prizes - There are even prizes available for your school and students! For the school with the most students involved in the quiz, there will be a £500 cash voucher up for grabs, which your school can choose to spend however you wish! Additionally, for 3 lucky students who have completed the quiz, the prizes include a 10" Samsung Galaxy Tablet (1st place), and a £100 Love2Shop voucher (for the 2 runners up).



Years 10-13

Allied Health Professions Workshops – Tuesday 9th February 10-11am &/or 1-2pm

George Eliot hospital are running this 1 hour event focussing on a few specialist careers – ODP, Physiotherapy & Occupational therapy.

Closing Date to register is this Friday 5th Feb – please email apprenticeships@geh.nhs.org stating the preferred time and then students will be sent an invite direct via Microsoft Teams

Years 10-13

ASK Amazing Apprenticeships PROGRAMME for the week.

There are many workshops & presentation throughout the week, some industry-specific and others about employability skills, registering on the Government Apprenticeship Service Website etc

I have picked out a few which do not conflict with lesson time but there is a full list of events next week

[click here](#) to view and register for any of the events or click on the specific links below:

For Parents - Monday 8th Feb 6pm - [Apprenticeship awareness presentation for parents](#)

Tuesday 9th Feb 11.10am – 11.30am – for Students a 20 minute broadcast

Do not forget to join the [Big Assembly](#) it's an interactive 20 minutes live digital broadcast, that is viewed by 1000's of students and teachers to engage in conversation about exciting career opportunities. Please register via the link: [The Big Assembly](#)

Wednesday 10th Feb 6-6.45pm- Students - [NHS Apprenticeships](#)

Many young people want to work in the Health Sector and are particularly interested in the Apprenticeship route, especially now there are no NHS Bursaries. This can be a way in to progress and get into Careers such as Nursing etc but without the University fees. This is an opportunity to understand the various roles available within the NHS trust.

Fri 12th Feb 09.30am – Students - [Find an Apprenticeship registration workshop](#)

Sat 13th Feb 9.30am, 12.30 or 2pm 1 hour workshop for students - [Apprenticeship awareness, registration, and employability workshop](#)

Apprenticeship Talk Sessions – Monday 8th February 3-5pm

Organised by **Young Professionals UK** – you can pick the timeslots which are of interest to you or stay for the full 2 hours – its up to you.

- Monday 8th February, 3pm - 5pm
- 12 Different Apprentice highlight journeys
- Open to all year groups in Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13
- Opportunity to ask questions and find out about other young people's career journeys
- Learn about different types of apprenticeships, some myth busting and a few prizes along the way!
- Free event for all students, teachers and parents

Registration Link: <https://www.research.net/r/NAW2021>



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This will not be as easy as previous years and young people need to be 'Job Ready', equipped with the necessary skills and mind-set of working for an employer and learning.

Most opportunities will be offered from late Spring/early Summer Term, HOWEVER there are some areas such as in Engineering/Manufacturing offered by the larger Employers who will be recruiting from last Autumn Term for a September 2021 start.

There is a general Government Apprenticeship website to look & apply -

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Also look at Employer's own websites as to what is on offer. The above is not an exhaustive list and young people need to do their own research or send speculative CVs to Employers.

There are local colleges (see above for Colleges' websites) and Training Providers who have links with Employers and support students in their Apprenticeships so students can apply/register an interest direct to them.

MGTS – Midland Group Training Services (Engineering) - <https://www.mgts.co.uk/>

MTC Academy (Engineering) - <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/>

Coventry & Warwickshire Training – (Various Vocational areas – HD, Business Admin, Accounting, Childcare, IT etc) <https://www.cw-chambertraining.co.uk/>

Heart of England Training – HOET – (Various including Hair & Beauty, School, Business Admin) -

<https://www.hoet.co.uk/>

SCCU – (School, Childcare, IT, Business, Sports apprenticeships) - <https://sccu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>

This is by no means an exhaustive list but I have tried to pick out some relevant events/workshops.

Please take a look and register using the appropriate links.

I hope some of this Apprenticeship Information helps

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